
HOUSE BILL 3283

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By Representatives Hinkle and Woods

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1 AN ACT Relating to biennial regular sessions of the legislature;
2 amending RCW 44.04.010, 44.04.200, 34.05.610, 40.04.090, 44.55.020, and
3 47.01.071; and providing a contingent effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.04.010 and 1980 c 87 s 27 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Regular sessions of the legislature shall be held ~~((annually))~~
8 biennially, commencing on the second Monday of January in each odd-
9 numbered year.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 44.04.200 and 1980 c 87 s 1 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 After ~~((June 12, 1980))~~ the effective date of this act, all
13 references in the Revised Code of Washington to a regular session of
14 the legislature mean a regular session during an ~~((odd or even-~~
15 ~~numbered))~~ odd-numbered year unless the context clearly requires
16 otherwise.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 34.05.610 and 1998 c 280 s 9 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) There is hereby created a joint administrative rules review
4 committee which shall be a bipartisan committee consisting of four
5 senators and four representatives from the state legislature. The
6 senate members of the committee shall be appointed by the president of
7 the senate, and the house members of the committee shall be appointed
8 by the speaker of the house. Not more than two members from each house
9 may be from the same political party. The appointing authorities shall
10 also appoint one alternate member from each caucus of each house. All
11 appointments to the committee are subject to approval by the caucuses
12 to which the appointed members belong.

13 (2) Members and alternates shall be appointed as soon as possible
14 after the legislature convenes in regular session in an odd-numbered
15 year, and their terms shall extend until their successors are appointed
16 and qualified at the next regular session of the legislature in an odd-
17 numbered year or until such persons no longer serve in the legislature,
18 whichever occurs first. Members and alternates may be reappointed to
19 the committee.

20 (3) On or about January 1, 1999, the president of the senate shall
21 appoint the chairperson and the vice chairperson from among the
22 committee membership. The speaker of the house shall appoint the
23 chairperson and the vice chairperson in alternating even-numbered years
24 beginning in the year 2000 from among the committee membership. The
25 secretary of the senate shall appoint the chairperson and the vice
26 chairperson in the alternating even-numbered years beginning in the
27 year 2002 from among the committee membership. Such appointments shall
28 be made in January of each even-numbered year (~~(as soon as possible~~
29 ~~after a legislative session convenes))~~).

30 (4) The chairperson of the committee shall cause all meeting
31 notices and committee documents to be sent to the members and
32 alternates. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment of a legislator
33 from the same political party as the original appointment. The
34 appropriate appointing authority shall make the appointment within
35 thirty days of the vacancy occurring.

36 **Sec. 4.** RCW 40.04.090 and 1995 c 24 s 4 are each amended to read
37 as follows:

1 The house and senate journals shall be distributed and sold by the
2 chief clerk of the house of representatives and the secretary of the
3 senate as follows:

4 (1) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, sets shall be
5 distributed as follows: One to each requesting official whose office
6 is created by the Constitution, and one to each requesting state
7 department director; two copies to the state library; ten copies to the
8 state law library; two copies to the University of Washington library;
9 one to the King county law library; one to the Washington State
10 University library; one to the library of each of the regional
11 universities and to The Evergreen State College; one each to the law
12 library of any accredited law school in this state; and one to each
13 free public library in the state that requests it.

14 (2) House and senate journals of the preceding regular session
15 (~~during an odd or even numbered year~~), and of any intervening
16 special session, shall be provided for use of legislators and
17 legislative staff in such numbers as directed by the chief clerk of the
18 house of representatives and secretary of the senate.

19 (3) Surplus sets of the house and senate journals shall be sold and
20 delivered by the chief clerk of the house of representatives and the
21 secretary of the senate at a price set by them after consulting with
22 the state printer to determine reasonable costs associated with the
23 production of the journals, and the proceeds therefrom shall be paid to
24 the state treasurer for the general fund.

25 (4) The chief clerk of the house of representatives and the
26 secretary of the senate may exchange copies of the house and senate
27 journals for similar journals of other states, territories, and
28 governments, or for other legal materials, and make such other and
29 further distribution of them as in their judgment seems proper.

30 (5) Periodically the chief clerk of the house of representatives
31 and the secretary of the senate may canvas those entitled to receive
32 copies under this section, and may reduce or eliminate the number of
33 copies distributed to anyone who so concurs.

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 44.55.020 and 2003 c 404 s 2 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 A joint legislative oversight committee on trade policy is created,
37 to consist of four senators and four representatives from the

1 legislature and three ex officio members. The president of the senate
2 shall appoint the senate members of the committee, and the speaker of
3 the house shall appoint the house members of the committee. No more
4 than two members from each house may be from the same political party.
5 A list of appointees must be submitted by July 1, 2003, and before
6 (~~the close of each regular session during an~~) July 1st of each even-
7 numbered year. Vacancies on the committee will be filled by
8 appointment and must be filled from the same political party and from
9 the same house as the member whose seat was vacated. The ex officio
10 members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house and the
11 president of the senate, and include a representative from the
12 department of agriculture, the state trade representative, and a
13 representative from the office of the attorney general.

14 **Sec. 6.** RCW 47.01.071 and 2005 c 319 s 5 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 The transportation commission shall have the following functions,
17 powers, and duties:

18 (1) To propose policies to be adopted by the governor and the
19 legislature designed to assure the development and maintenance of a
20 comprehensive and balanced statewide transportation system which will
21 meet the needs of the people of this state for safe and efficient
22 transportation services. Wherever appropriate the policies shall
23 provide for the use of integrated, intermodal transportation systems to
24 implement the social, economic, and environmental policies, goals, and
25 objectives of the people of the state, and especially to conserve
26 nonrenewable natural resources including land and energy. To this end
27 the commission shall:

28 (a) Develop transportation policies which are based on the
29 policies, goals, and objectives expressed and inherent in existing
30 state laws;

31 (b) Inventory the adopted policies, goals, and objectives of the
32 local and area-wide governmental bodies of the state and define the
33 role of the state, regional, and local governments in determining
34 transportation policies, in transportation planning, and in
35 implementing the state transportation plan;

36 (c) Propose a transportation policy for the state;

1 (d) Establish a procedure for review and revision of the state
2 transportation policy and for submission of proposed changes to the
3 governor and the legislature;

4 (e) To integrate the statewide transportation plan with the needs
5 of the elderly and handicapped, and to coordinate federal and state
6 programs directed at assisting local governments to answer such needs;

7 (2) To provide for the effective coordination of state
8 transportation planning with national transportation policy, state and
9 local land use policies, and local and regional transportation plans
10 and programs;

11 (3) In conjunction with the provisions under RCW 47.01.075, to
12 provide for public involvement in transportation designed to elicit the
13 public's views both with respect to adequate transportation services
14 and appropriate means of minimizing adverse social, economic,
15 environmental, and energy impact of transportation programs;

16 (4) To prepare a comprehensive and balanced statewide
17 transportation plan which shall be based on the transportation policy
18 adopted by the governor and the legislature and applicable state and
19 federal laws. The plan shall be reviewed and revised, and submitted to
20 the governor and the house of representatives and senate standing
21 committees on transportation, prior to each regular session of the
22 legislature (~~((during an even numbered year))~~) thereafter.

23 The plan shall take into account federal law and regulations
24 relating to the planning, construction, and operation of transportation
25 facilities;

26 (5) To propose to the governor and the legislature prior to the
27 convening of each regular session (~~((held in an odd numbered year))~~) a
28 recommended budget for the operations of the commission as required by
29 RCW 47.01.061;

30 (6) To approve the issuance and sale of all bonds authorized by the
31 legislature for capital construction of state highways, toll
32 facilities, Columbia Basin county roads (for which reimbursement to the
33 motor vehicle fund has been provided), urban arterial projects, and
34 aviation facilities;

35 (7) To adopt such rules, regulations, and policy directives as may
36 be necessary to carry out reasonably and properly those functions
37 expressly vested in the commission by statute;

1 (8) To contract with the office of financial management or other
2 appropriate state agencies for administrative support, accounting
3 services, computer services, and other support services necessary to
4 carry out its other statutory duties;

5 (9) To exercise such other specific powers and duties as may be
6 vested in the transportation commission by this or any other provision
7 of law.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act takes effect if the proposed
9 amendment to Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution providing
10 for biennial regular sessions of the legislature is validly submitted
11 to and is approved and ratified by the voters at the next general
12 election. If the proposed amendment is not approved and ratified, this
13 act is void in its entirety.

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